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SUBJ: RED: ECAF: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VISIT

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PASS COMMERCE

1. DURING WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPT., WE ANTICIPATE MARAMIS MAY ASK FOR U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF THE LATEST MODEL COMPUTER FOR THE NEW ECAF BUILDING. PROJECTED USE OF PRESENTLY RENTED COMPUTER FACILITIES BY ECAF DATA PROCESSING SECTION DURING 74/75 EXPECTED TO REACH \$120,000 PER ANNUM. RED LEARNED UNOFFICIALLY THAT JAPANESE HAVE ALREADY MADE OFFER SUPPLY APPROPRIATE COMPUTER TO SECRETARIAT ON GRANT BASIS. GERMANS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS SUPPLY SIMILAR EQUIPMENT TO ECAF AT NO COST. BECAUSE OF U.S. LEADERSHIP IN COMPUTER FIELD, ECAF DATA PROCESSING STAFF EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR U.S. COMPUTER TO MARAMIS. ECAF PLANNERS HAD INCLUDED \$120,000 FOR COST OF INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE CONDUITS, INCREASE IN FLOOR LOAD-BEARING CAPACITY AND SPECIAL STANDBY GENERATOR IN NEW BUILDING WITH HOPE U.S. O.I.C.C., COMPUTER CDC 3100 COULD BE MOVED FROM PRESENT SITE WHEN DEPT. ESTABLISHED FADPC. ELIMINATION OF THESE ITEMS FROM CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR NEW ECAF BUILDING AT REQUEST OF UN HEADQUARTERS WAS EFFECTED AT COST OF \$12,000. PRESUMABLY MARAMIS NOW CERTAIN THAT UN HQ. WILL AUTHORIZE ECAF COMPUTER IF THIS OBTAINED AT NO COST TO UN; AND, THEREFORE, WILL MAKE PITCH FOR U.S. EQUIPMENT DURING VISIT. THE COMMERCIAL

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ADVANTAGES, E.G. SALE OF SOFTWARE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT

IN THE ECAFE BUILDING IS FURTHER ENHANCED BY FACT THAT THIS
COMPUTER WILL BE USED TO TRAIN REGIONAL DATA PROCESSORS FROM
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN COMPUTER OPERATIONS.

2. WE ALSO RECOMMEND DEPT. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MARAMIS VISIT TO
RAISE QUESTION OF HOW HE PLANS TO COPE WITH PROBLEM OF FILLING
31 EXISTING VACANCIES IN SECRETARIAT WITH COMPETENT REPEAT
COMPETENT EXPERTS. DEPT. SHOULD VOICE DISAPPROVAL OF PAST
SECRETARIAT PRACTICE OF LETTING CHIEFS OF VARIOUS ECAFE DIVISIONS
FILL MANY PERMANENT SLOTS WITH INEFFICIENT AND INCOMPETENT
PERSONNEL ON BASIS OF PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP OR NATIONAL AFFINITY.
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